

Hastings, Minnesota
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2024

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4th Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Haus, Lawrence, Leifeld, Pemble, and Vihrachoff

Members Absent: Councilmember Fox

Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Wietecha
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh
City Attorney Kori Land
Community Development Director John Hinzman (Remote)
Finance Manager Chris Eitemiller
Assistant Finance Manager Ashley DeBernardi

New Employee Introductions:

Libby Hummel
Lindsey Duggan
Josh Speak
Tim Skog
Curt Senn
David Sheets
Jessica Urbach

Partner Introductions:

Joni Palodichuk – 360 Communities Advocate
Jean Evans-Williams – Dakota County Embedded Social Worker

Proclamation: Make Music Day

Proclamation: Juneteenth

Presentation: Building Remembrance for Reconciliation (BR4R)

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Fasbender asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the City Council workshop and regular meeting on June 3, 2024.

Minutes were approved as presented.

Comments from the Audience

Steve Zeyen, 1772 Dellridge Ct wondering what is changing with item #16 (City Code, Chapter 94 – Parks & Recreation).

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to pull item #16 from Consent and move to Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilmember Haus.

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

1. Pay Bills as Audited
2. Resolution No. 06-05-24: Accept Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the Ajer Family
3. Resolution No. 06-06-24: Accept Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from the Hamilton Family
4. Resolution No. 06-07-24: Accept Donation to the Parks and Recreation Department from Millner Family Chiropractic
5. Approve Special Event Designation for the Fourth of July Event
6. Resolution No. 06-08-24: Accept Donation to the Arts & Culture Commission from THRIVE
7. Resolution No. 06-09-24: Approve Liquor License Renewals for the 2024 – 2025 Licensing Period
8. Resolution No. 06-10-24: Approve Tobacco License Renewals for the 2024 – 2025 Licensing Period
9. Resolution No. 06-11-24: Approve New Liquor License Application from Upward Solutions, LLC dba ACE Liquor Store
10. Resolution No. 06-12-24: Approve New Tobacco License Application from Upward Solutions, LLC dba ACE Liquor Store
11. Declare Surplus Property & Authorize for Public Sale, Donation, or Disposal – Fire Department
12. Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence
13. Approve Pay Estimate No. 1 for the 2024 Mill & Overlay Program – McNamara Contracting (\$372,509.50)
14. Resolution No. 06-13-24: Approve Temporary Gambling Permit for Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center
15. Approve First Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement Establishing the Criminal Justice Network
16. Approve First Reading: Chapter 94 – Parks & Recreation – Pulled from Consent Agenda.

Presentation and Approval of 2023 Comprehensive Financial Report

Eitemiller introduced Ryan Engelstad from Bergan KDV, the City's audit firm, who gave a presentation on the results of the 2023 audit. He provided an unmodified opinion that the financial statements are fairly presented in all material respects and noted no material weaknesses and no instances of noncompliance.

Council discussion on tax capacity and its relationship to the tax levy. Eitemiller shared the increases are attributed from new developments and increased market value. Engelstad indicated other municipalities are seeing similar jumps in property market value.

Councilmember Pemble motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Approve First Reading: Chapter 94 – Parks and Recreation

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for review of the proposed amendments to the ordinance. Wietcha provided details of the additional amendments to the ordinance that needed legal clarification prohibiting non-daytime mooring of boats following the amendments previously approved in May.

No Council discussion.

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Pemble.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Resolution No. 06-14-24: Preliminary and Final Plat: Pleasant Drive Addition (NW Corner of Pleasant Drive and Co Rd 46)

Hinzman provided a summary of the request to approve the Preliminary and Final Plat for the Pleasant Drive Addition proposed by the Dakota County CDA (Community Development Agency). The request contains a subdivision of two outlots located at the northwest corner of County Road 46 and Pleasant Drive. The Dakota County CDA purchased the property for three reasons: provide routing for the Vermillion River Greenway trail, dedicate right-of-way for a future roundabout at County Road 46 and Pleasant Drive and provide land for future CDA housing. Hinzman referenced the Comprehensive Plan and potential future steps in the event development may occur.

Council clarified this request does not include potential future developments. Hinzman indicated there would be additional steps in the future for any potential development requests.

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Haus.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Resolution No. 06-15-24: Site Plan – Stadium Seating and Locker Room – United Heroes League (15211 Ravenna Tr)

Hinzman provided a summary of the application from HTG Architects on behalf of United Heroes League (UHL) to construct stadium seating and locker room facilities at an existing outdoor hockey rink located at 15211 Ravenna Trail. Hinzman reviewed previous Interim Use Permits and approvals.

No Council discussion.

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Councilmember Vihrachoff.
6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

2nd Reading\Adopt Ordinance: Amend City Code Chapter 34 – Building Department Fees

Hinzman provided an overview of the request to amend City Code Chapter 34 – Fee Schedule regarding Building Department fees. The proposed amendment is presented to accomplish a reduction in duplicative permits for a single property by combining separate permits into an all-inclusive permit for ease of

tracking and monitoring, and to ensure all fees adequately cover the cost of staff review. Hinzman indicated most fees have not been increased since 2015.

Council commended staff on the review of fees and making the process more efficient for residents and staff.

Councilmember Vihrachoff motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Haus. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Resolution No. 06-16-24: Approve Liquor License Renewal for Spiral Brewery

Murtaugh indicated that this is typically on the Consent Agenda, but a Councilmember is a principal owner and abstains from the vote.

No Council discussion.

Councilmember Leifeld motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Councilmember Pemble. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Announcements

- City Offices will be closed Wednesday, June 19 in observation of Juneteenth.
- Summer Rec Programs at Levee Park...
 - Thursday, June 20, Music in the Park with “Holy Rocka Rollaz – Tribute to the 50’s.” Supported by the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund.
 - Tuesday, June 25, Comedy in the Park with “Kenny Ahern – physical comedian.” Sponsored by SMEAD Manufacturing Company.
 - Wednesday, June 26, Storytime in the Park with the theme “Emotions.” A partnership with Pleasant Hill Library.
 - Thursday, June 27, Music in the Park with “Poppa Bear Norton – original comedic country.” Supported by the Ruth and George Doffing Charitable Fund.
- Friday, June 21, is Make Music Day with 21 performers over 12 hours at 3 locations. Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy live music from talented musicians in Hastings parks; harmonica, drumstick, and gift card giveaways; and food trucks.
- Rec + Art + Police is Wednesday, June 26, at Sunny Acres Park with popsicle stick bird feeders, hula hoop demo, and games. Recommended for elementary and middle schoolers. Supported by SC Toys, Country Financial, Hastings Lions Club, Hastings Family Service, Community Ed, and Hastings Prescott Arts Council.
- The Arts & Culture Commission hosts “Twelfth Night – a theatrical performance in the park” at Vermillion Fall Park on Sunday, June 30.

Meetings

- Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – Cancelled
- Public Safety Advisory Commission Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Operations Committee Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

- Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- City Council Regular Meeting on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Haus motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM, seconded by Councilmember Pemble. Ayes 6; Nays 0.

Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk

Mary D. Fasnender, Mayor